GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF RICE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large quantity of rice is regularly being smuggled through the border with Bangladesh in Basirhat sub-division under North 24 Parganas district; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to remedy the situation and the results achieved therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): As per the reports received from the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and Jurisdictional Commissioner i.e. Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Kolkata (West Bengal), smuggling of a small quantity of rice has been noticed through this border.

(b): All the field formations under the Customs Department including the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are vigilant and alert to detect and prevent smuggling of contraband goods including rice. During the years 1998-99 to 2000-01, a quantity of 463.193 quintals of contraband rice valued at Rs.3.37 lakh was seized at the border.